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Top Stories

- The Sri Lankan government blocked access to social media sites, including Facebook Inc., in an attempt to stop misinformation from spreading after suicide attacks across the country killed more than 290 people on Sunday. A state-run news service said "false news reports" had been spreading online prior to the block, and Facebook said in a statement that it was "working to support first responders and law enforcement as well as identify and remove content which violates our standards." (The Washington Post)

- The Central Intelligence Agency told officials in Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Canada earlier this year that Huawei Technologies Co. accepted funding from China's People's Liberation Army, National Security Commission and another unnamed branch of the Chinese state intelligence

network, according to a source. The United States officials reportedly shared the information with the hope of deterring allies from allowing Huawei to sell its 5G technology in those countries. (The Times)

- Intuit Inc. and other tax software companies have been misleading customers by ushering them to a paid version of its tax filing tools, despite an agreement with the Internal Revenue Service to provide free tools for those who make less than $66,000 per year, a news investigation shows. (ProPublica)

Chart Review

The giant ad tech bubble may soon burst
Axios

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

04/22/2019

FCBA CLE on drones, safety and security 6:00 pm

04/23/2019

Brooklyn 5G Summit with NYU 3:00 pm

04/24/2019

Brooklyn 5G Summit with NYU	
2019 ASCII SMB IT Success Summit Washington	11:30 am
Center for Strategic & International Studies program on supply chain security and software	1:00 pm
FCBA CLE on Telephone Consumer Protection Act and robocalls	4:00 pm

04/25/2019

Brooklyn 5G Summit with NYU	
ASCII SMB IT Success Summit Washington	
National Association of Attorneys General meeting	
Broadcom's Mission to Modernize 2019	8:30 am
FTC's Fighting Consumer Fraud and Identity Theft in Nebraska webinar	1:00 pm
Copyright Office World Intellectual Property Day program on IP and sports	2:00 pm

04/26/2019

Brooklyn 5G Summit with NYU	
ASCII SMB IT Success Summit Washington	
National Association of Attorneys General meeting	

04/28/2019

Milken Institute Global Conference 2019

04/29/2019

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General

Free Speech Puts U.S. on 'a Collision Course' With Global Limits on Big Tech

Cecilia Kang, The New York Times

When Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook called for regulating harmful internet content in an opinion column last month, Republicans in Washington expressed outrage that he was calling on the government to regulate speech. Within hours, the company's top lobbyists started spreading another message to conservatives: Don't take his suggestion too seriously.

Google, Facebook, Amazon and Apple employees donating to Elizabeth Warren, even though she wants to break up big tech
Casey Tolan, Mercury News

Sen. Elizabeth Warren's pledge to break up Silicon Valley's biggest tech companies has provoked a surprising response from some of those firms' employees: They're writing her checks.

Cryptocurrency needs government's help, says presidential hopeful Andrew Yang
Stephen Shankland, CNET

Cryptocurrency is now an official issue in the US presidential election. You're probably most familiar with cryptocurrency by way of bitcoin, which soared in value in 2017 then mostly collapsed in 2018.

Scribd taking down the Mueller Report is the future the EU has voted for
David Yanofsky, Ars Technica

A convenient feature of nearly all documents created by the US government is that they have no copyright. As such, the Mueller Report exists in the public domain both colloquially (it's everywhere!) and legally (no rights restrictions!).

Silicon Valley Came to Kansas Schools. That Started a Rebellion.
Nellie Bowles, The New York Times

The seed of rebellion was planted in classrooms. It grew in kitchens and living rooms, in conversations between students and their parents.

EU official urges Trump to adopt tough data privacy rules
Mehreen Khan, Financial Times

The EU's top privacy official has urged Donald Trump's administration to

adopt an equivalent to Europe's tough new privacy law as a precursor to broader talks between Brussels and Washington on the transatlantic sharing of data by big business.

How WhatsApp, FaceTime and other encryption apps shaped the outcome of the Mueller report
Craig Timberg and Drew Harwell, The Washington Post

Special counsel Robert S. Mueller III detailed multiple contacts among Russian operatives and associates of President Trump in the report made public Thursday. But Mueller repeatedly also lamented what he couldn't learn - because encrypted communications had put key conversations beyond his reach.

U.S. Stock Futures Decline in Holiday-Hit Trading: Markets Wrap
Todd White, Bloomberg

U.S. equity-index futures dropped on Monday while stocks in Asia were mixed as the Easter holiday weekend continued in many countries. Oil jumped on a report America scrapped waivers allowing the purchase of some Iranian crude.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Apple said Qualcomm's tech was no good. But in private communications, it was 'the best.'
Reed Albergotti, The Washington Post

During the roughly two years Apple was locked in a legal battle with one of its suppliers, Qualcomm, the iPhone maker publicly argued that the chip maker's technology was worthless. But according to an internal Apple memo Qualcomm showed during the trial this week between the two tech companies, Apple's hardware executives used words like "the best" to describe Qualcomm's engineering.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Huawei says launches 'world's first' 5G communications hardware for autos

Yilei Sun and Brenda Goh, Reuters

China's Huawei Technologies launched on Monday what it said was the world's first 5G communications hardware for the automotive industry, in a sign of its growing ambitions to become a key supplier to the sector for self-driving technology.

Groups Mass Against T-Mobile-Sprint
John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

A couple dozen opponents of the T-Mobile-Sprint deal say the companies have not come close to establishing that the merger of the number three and four wireless carriers is in the public interest and told the FCC again this week not to approve it.

FCC Commissioner Wants Community Colleges to Become Pipelines for America's 5G Workforce
Brandi Vincent, Nextgov

In order to win the race to 5G and supply America with future generations of wireless networks, the country needs more skilled workers-and particularly, more Telecom Tower Technicians, also known as "TTT-1s." To establish and equip the new workforce, the government hopes to turn America's community colleges into pipelines for 5G jobs.

Maine senator backs push to narrow "digital divide" in US
The Associated Press

A group of U.S. senators including Maine independent Sen. Angus King is introducing legislation designed to narrow the "digital divide" in the U.S.

LA's Plan to Reboot Its Bus System-Using Cell Phone Data
Adam Rogers, Wired

The gray buses that roll along Los Angeles' Orange Line don't look like other buses: They're 60 feet long, and their streamlined design means they don't just stop. With some pomp, they arrive.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Facebook signals softer stance on ad rules for EU elections

Mehreen Khan, Financial Times

Facebook is ready to give in to pressure from Brussels over criticism that its new rules on online political advertising restricts EU parties from campaigning in next month's European elections.

Facebook urged to tackle spread of fake profiles used by US police
Amanda Holpuch, The Guardian

The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) has called on Facebook to address the proliferation of undercover law enforcement accounts on the social networking site following a Guardian report that revealed a secret network of accounts operated by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Ice).

Samsung has postponed Galaxy Fold launch events in China
Richard Lai, engadget

The $2,000 Galaxy Fold is already off to a bumpy start no thanks to some broken review units (ours is fine, by the way), and though the April 26th launch in the US remains unaffected, folks on the other side of the world aren't as lucky. Over the weekend, Samsung announced that it has postponed the press events in Hong Kong and Shanghai, which were originally scheduled for April 23rd and 24th i.e. this coming Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

How 11 People Try to Stop Fake News in the World's Largest Election
Saritha Rai, Bloomberg

One of the operations most vital to Facebook Inc. at this moment is a world away from its Menlo Park, California, headquarters, and in more ways than one. Instead of the sprawling roof gardens and upscale cafes packed with Silicon Valley's latest health fads, this cramped Mumbai office has worn carpets and fading walls lined with exposed electrical ducts.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Turmoil consumes White House team guiding feds' tech strategy
Eric Geller, Politico

The White House team that ensures federal agencies build better technology

and defend networks from hackers is plagued by cratering morale - jeopardizing efforts to modernize the government and protect sensitive data from spies and cybercriminals.

Who's using your face? The ugly truth about facial recognition
Madhumita Murgia, Financial Times

When Jillian York, a 36-year-old American activist, was on vacation in February, she received an unexpected text. Her friend Adam Harvey, another activist and researcher, had discovered photos of her in a US government database used to train facial-recognition algorithms, and wondered whether she knew about it.

Trade war with US delays China's rules curbing data transfers
Yuan Yang, Financial Times

China is delaying the release of a controversial measure that would restrict foreign companies from taking certain data out of the country, as US-China trade talks reach a critical stage.

That mental health app might share your data without telling you
Rachel Becker, The Verge

Free apps marketed to people with depression or who want to quit smoking are hemorrhaging user data to third parties like Facebook and Google - but often don't admit it in their privacy policies, a new study reports. This study is the latest to highlight the potential risks of entrusting sensitive health information to our phones.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Why Companies Are Failing at Reskilling
Lauren Weber, The Wall Street Journal

In a tight labor market, employers from Amazon to JPMorgan are trying to get better at retraining the workers they have. 'We need a Waze for your career,' says one labor expert.

Research Reports

Unplugged: NTIA Survey Finds Some Americans Still Avoid Home Internet Use

Rafi Goldberg, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

NTIA's most recent Internet Use Survey depicts a rapidly evolving nation eager to take advantage of technological innovation. Mobile devices such as smartphones, tablets, and wearables are increasingly dominating the computing landscape, as more Americans than ever use the Internet.

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